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POLITICS FORTY YEARS AGO. THE situation in respect to the tariff

as an element in the presidential campaign is singularly like that of the contest in 1844, forty years ago, when Henry Clay and James K. Polk were respectively the Whig and Democratic candidates. Clay was a protectionist and had long been one of the most distinguished advocates of that policy, then just beginning to exert much influence in politics. The first protective tariff had been passed in 1842-3, the bill being signed by President Taylor, having been carried through the senate by such men as Clay and Silas Wright, a protective Democrat. The Whig party, as the Republican party is to-day, was committed to the protection of American industry, which had just begun to revive from the disastrous effect of the compromise tariff of 1833 and Van Buren's unsound financial the subject was not known at the time of his nomination, but after it he made some enigmatical utterances, very like Cleveland has done, or such as the present Democratic platform contains, which both sides interpreted to suit themselves. The northern and eastern Democrats believed that, properly interpreted, they committed Polk to protection as firmly as Clay. Silas Wright supported him in New York as a protectionist. In Pennsylvania, then as now a strong tariff state, the Democratic banners were inscribed with "Polk, Dallas and the tariff of 1843."

Polk was elected, carrying both Pennsylvania and New York by small majorities, so small that when the protection sentiment in these states is considered in connection with the claim that he was a protectionist, the inference is irresistible that he would without security. Field says: "The have lost both of them and the election if the voters had fully understood his position. Polk had deceived and cheated the tariff Democrats, just as the protection wing of the party is being deceived and cheated to day by Cleveland's silence and the to the world." Democratic platform. The Demo crats controlled the next congress and in 1846 they passed a bill repealing the protection features of the tariff of 1842, in conformity with the plank in their platform of 1844, which declared "that no more revenue ought to be raised than is required to defray the necessary expenses of the government"-a phrasing wonderfully like that adopted by the Democrats at Chicago last July, "exclusively for public purposes, and shall not exceed the needs of the government economically administered." Their action then was precisely what should be expected now if Cleveland is elected and they do not find a Republica congress to stay their hands. Morrison has already said that if successful there will be an eternal farewell to a protective tariff. The free traders of 1844 were but the Hurds and Morrisons and Carlisles of forty years ago. The arguments of the protectionists were on precisely the same grounds then that they are to-

The results that followed the enforcement in 1846 of the tariff-forrevenue-only plank of 1844 were the same that would follow such a law passed next winter or next year. That free trade measure of 1846 was like a killing frost on our struggling industries. Each year found them more and more depressed, till the most of the factories were closed. The imports from England were \$48,-849,000 in 1848, and in 1853 had increased to \$117,942,000, while the exports had fallen in a corresponding ratio-just as the protectionists said they would not. Unable to pay in exports for imports bought "in the cheapest market," the drain of gold to Europe at a frightful rate had the natural effect of contracting the currency and producing that stringency which brought about the crisis of 1847, with its attendant bankruptcy and ruin, from the effects of which the country had not fully recovered before the war. These are historical facts, whose force can not be parried by any subterfuge of the free traders of to-day. In his message to congress, on Decem ber 2, 1851, the situation following the repeal of the tariff of 1842 was thus set forth by President Fillmore

The value of our exports of breadstuffs and provisions, which it was supposed the incentive of a low tar-iff and large importations from abroad would have greatly augmented, has fallen from \$68,701,821 in 1847 to \$26. 651,373 in 1850, and \$21,848,653 in 1851, with a strong probability, amounting almost to a certainty, of a still greatalmost to a certainty, of a still greater reduction in the current year. The p licy which dictated a low rate of duty on foreign merchandise, it was thought by those who promoted and established it, would tend to benefit the farming population of this country, by increasing the demand and raising the price of agricultural products in foreign markets. The foregoing facts, however, seem to show incontestably that no such result has followed the adoption of this policy. this policy.

The effect of this tariff for revenue only on the manufacturer and the farmer he set forth in a subsequent Brick. Cement, and Sand. message, The precise arguments urged by protectionists now as sure to follow such a policy were used by him, but as facts which have already transpired, and as a matter of co-temporaneous history. He said.

As our manufacturing establishments are broken down by competi-tion with foreigners, the capital in-vested in them is lost, thousands of honest and industrious citizens are thrown out of employment, and the farmer, to that extent, is deprived of a home market for the sale of surplus produce. The destruction of our manufactures leaves the foreigners without competition in our market and he consequently raises the price of the article sent here for sale, as is now seen in the increased cost of iron imported from England.

President Buchanan in his first message, described the condition of the country at that time as follows: In the midst of unsurpassed plenty

in the midst of unsurpassed pienty in all the productions and in all the elements of natural wealth we find our manufactures suspended, our public works retarded, our private enterprises of different kinds aban-doned, and thousands of useful laborers thrown out of employment and reduced to want. The revenue of the government which is chiefly derived from duties on imports from abroad, has been greatly reduced.

Forty years have passed since the campaign of 1844 made possible the injury to American industry here described. The Democratic party has come around to the same point it occupied then and is ready to repeat the programme. There is not lacking policy. The position of Mr. Polk on a single element in the situation then and now at the same date before the

THE Philadelphia Press prints cor-

and Horace White, editor of the New York Evening Post, in which Mr. Field shows how closely identified are the Evening Post and the Oregon Railway and Navigation conspiracy. The same parties manage both, Villard and White are financial conspirators in one case, and White and Villard newspaper operators in the other. Field wants to know how the company so largely watered its stock; how, in order to make fictitious receipts, it charged itself excessive prices for transporting its own materials; by what right the treasurer loaned money of the company to its president without authority and history of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company has never been fully written. In a recent visit to the Pacific coast I found materials for such history, rich and abundant. Perhaps some day they will be given

THE Philadelphia Press' New York special says: "Private advices from Oregon corroborate Vice President Oakes' statement that connection between the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and the Oregon Short Line will not be made for one month yet, at the earliest. Trains will not be running before December. The earnings of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company for September are reported within \$10,000 of the largest ever made by the company."

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Astoria, October 2, 1884.

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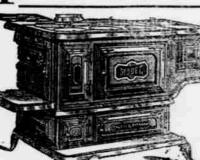
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